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Recent language change as reflected by the Czech newspapers

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Abstract

The talk will present several interconnected corpus-driven studies on recent language change in Czech. They are based on large SYN-series corpora of contemporary written Czech that are continuously being built in the Czech National Corpus. The results show that Czech newspapers undergo a gradual shift that can be characterized as increasing informality of the language which is manifested not only on the lexical, but also on the morphosyntactic level. The talk will also discuss some methodological considerations relevant especially for studies based on data from very close periods of time.